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Re: State v. James Lehrer; Case No. 145-072

Dear Chuck:

As you requested in your April 6, 1976, letter, I forwarded a copy of your letter to Chuck Leveque at the Department of Natural Resources. I am enclosing his reply, which is self-explanatory.

I think it is clear from Mr. Leveque's letter that the Department gave consideration to the factors mentioned in your letter in arriving at the \$5,000 figure. I can only reiterate that, in light of sec. 144.57, Stats., and the \$10 per day minimum forfeiture prescribed by that statute, a forfeiture of \$5,000 represents a reasonable and fair settlement. The cost of trial would itself approach that amount, and the statutorily-prescribed forfeiture would certainly exceed it.

I trust this letter and enclosures adequately explain my client's position on this matter. Should you wish to discuss it further, feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,

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LMC:gl Enclosure

cc: Khuck Leveque

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